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Foul Play at BoG

MCGILL REFUSES TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW FEES

by Shane Thomas

McGill's Board of Governors (BoG) was surprised by the significant student presence at last Tuesday's meeting. But students weren't surprised with the BoG's reaction.

Protesters, mostly graduate students, were responding to a proposed academic services fee, deregulation of international student tuition, and increases in extra-session fees. The BoG is McGill's highest decision-making body, and the purpose of their meeting was to discuss the proposals in principle, before they are voted on at the next meeting.

Initially, students were asked to leave the room, as the budget discussion was supposed to take place *in camera*. After protesters refused to leave, the BoG voted narrowly to move the discussion to a public form.

After an hour of discussion, Post-Graduate Students' Society VP University Affairs Anna Kruzynski presented three motions, calling for a delay in implementing the budget proposals until concerns about their effects could be more thoroughly examined. All three motions were crushed.

Her first motion attempted to delay implementation of the academic services fee, dubbed the Heaphy fee, until McGill's provincial grant is confirmed.

Kruzynski was concerned that if the province interpreted the Heaphy fee as a tuition fee, then McGill's provincial grant could be cut in proportion to funds raised from the new fee.

According to Kruzynski, the Ministry of Education was unable to verify whether the fee would be counted as tuition, and affect the grant.

McGill's VP Administration and Finance Phyllis Heaphy could only reply that she was certain from the indications given to her by the provincial government that the fee would not be counted as tuition.

Principal Shapiro responded by saying that the University must be willing to "challenge public policy" and "take reasonable risks" to procure the fund-

ing necessary to maintain the services provided by the university.

that McGill has little sway with the PQ government, which would jump at the chance to

The second motion put forth by Kruzynski was to delay implementation of deregulated international student fees until there had been a formal discussion determining what the university's stance was on privatization.

The BoG was reluctant to address Kruzynski's motion, saying that the issue had been explored at an earlier Senate meeting.

At that previous Senate meeting, the administration had insisted that removing international students would not affect the University's mission.

"The only question is do we collect fees, or does the government," said McGill's VP Academic Bill Chan.

But to students, the issue has implications beyond McGill's budget.

"This is privatization," said one student. "It is not within the context of budget considerations that we should be considering [removing international

students' public funding].

The last motion proposed by Kruzynski was to delay implementation of increases to extra-session fees for graduate students until there is a university-wide discussion, and a general consensus on the matter.

She argued that the extra tuition undervalues the important role played by graduate students in the University community. Kruzynski also stated that this fee will only serve to lengthen completion time for post-graduate students because it will force them to take time out to pay for this additional fee.

Since the BoG refused to delay the budget proposals, they will be routed back through Senate on April 2. BoG will have a final look at these proposals on April 23, this time *in camera*. Unless, that is, students choose to occupy the meeting....



Board members plan strategy for next meeting

Chris Carter, undergraduate Students' Society president, backed up Kruzynski, arguing

lighten their deficit load by leaving students to pay for the decrease in the grant.

Safe Space?

COMMUNITY POLICING EXPERIMENT MOVES TO THE GHETTO

by D'Arcy Doran

It's 3:15 in the afternoon, and after another day patrolling the McGill Ghetto, Constable Sylvia de Sousa is rushing to her philosophy class.

De Sousa, 24, is a part-time student at Concordia — and a new kind of cop. de Sousa is part of Montréal's community policing experiment, in an attempt to make Montréal police more aware of the needs of the city's communities.

She works full time at the new Montréal Urban Community police station 19, at the corner of Hutchison and Prince Arthur.

Since January 29, de Sousa has been talking to student residents and learning the ins and outs of the university neighborhood. "It used to be the only time we came into the ghetto was if we got a call," said de Sousa who worked out of station 25 for the past four years before it was split into stations 19 and 20. "We were always occupied with Crescent street and the area around the Forum. Now we're always here patrolling."

Barbara Timmins, external coordinator for the Sexual Assault

Centre of the McGill Students' Society said the increased patrolling of the ghetto is long overdue. In her research, she read through ten years worth of student newspaper reports of violence in the ghetto. Stabbings, rapes at knife point, prowlers, people being followed home are just some of the incidents she came across.

"One of the biggest things in terms of deterrence... is showing you're taking the problem seriously," she said. "The police have to show they're serious."

"I'd really like to see more community outreach. [The police] have not contacted us yet," Timmins said.

De Sousa, however "wouldn't say there is an astronomical number of sexual assaults that are reported," based on her experience. She contends, "At the frat parties and big parties at the beginning of the year the number is slightly raised." But according to MUCPD statistics, over the past year two sexual assaults were reported in the ghetto alone.

Last summer, StatsCan credited

community policing efforts across the country for the fourth straight year in the national crime rate following thirty-years of almost constant increase. Police organizations hope that by fostering strong relationships with communities they can prevent crimes before they happen.

In the month since station 19 was set up, police have identified two "crack" houses — apartments that sell drugs — in the ghetto. The first step in reducing the high number of break-ins in the ghetto will be shutting these places down, according to de Sousa.

"The biggest problem is breaking and entering which can be caused by people coming to these drug places. They'll steal your CDs and stereo because they need money for drugs," she said.

Station 19 will be tracking the number of crimes on a monthly basis to see the effect of their "solutions."

Because community policing allows officers to focus on smaller areas, de Sousa said, giving police a greater sense of personal re-

sponsibility for the community they patrol.

On Thursday, police introduced a proposal allowing individual officers to focus even more on their areas. The proposal is to divide station 19's area — which extends well beyond the ghetto to St. Laurent to the east and beyond Guy in the west — into four zones. Ten officers in teams of two would work exclusively in each zone allowing them the chance to build personal ties with their zone.

Constable Nelson Marshall, who acts as a liaison between community groups and the police, said the zones were designed so all the university related buildings including fraternity houses would be in the same zone to make investigations easier. Similarly, he added, the more than 20 co-operative housing buildings between Durocher and St. Laurent streets are together in another zone. Officers will keep abreast of the issues in their specific zone so they can better deal with the specific needs of their neighborhood.

Last week, a chance meeting

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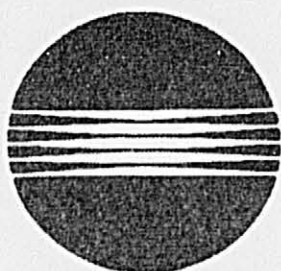
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Comment

Busting the ballot box

by Ian Maher

This is a practice trial for your indoctrination into an elite molded and elite controlled social system. Your successful completion of the voting process ratifies the injustices inherent in representational democracy and negates real participation and communication among people.

This might sound familiar to those of you who passed through the Redpath library entrance last week and read the sign I placed next to the polling station.

This protest was symbolic. While I was suggesting that people not vote, it was only done to emphasize the fact that no one participates anyway. To SSMU's credit they actually had a bumper year this election, despite my efforts, and inspired a voter turn out of 20.3 per cent. But that percentage drops to 19.6 per cent when you account for the people who spoiled their ballots. Of the 3,397 votes cast (out of approximately 16,600) Tara Newell received

1,285 of them, 40.5 per cent according to the SSMU way of looking at participation. She, in fact, received only 7.7 per cent of support from the student body at large, hardly what I would call a resounding mandate to lead.

The same follows for the other executive candidates. Lisa Phipps, by far the most popular candidate in terms of vote (she did have only one other opponent) garnered 1848 votes, 65.7 per cent according to SSMU, or a solid 11 per cent of the student body. Furthermore these numbers reflect the assumption that the SSMU President only affects those eligible to vote as determined by SSMU guidelines.

There are over 30,000 students at McGill and the clubs and facilities run by SSMU are open to all of them. Some services like the Sexual Assault Centre actually serve members in the greater Montréal area. For all of the rhetoric that surrounds the voice of the students, Tara Newell was accountable to us only once - in a student election with a dismal turnout.

My argument is against a system that asserts its legitimacy, regardless how shameful the turnout, simply because it appears to be open to everyone.

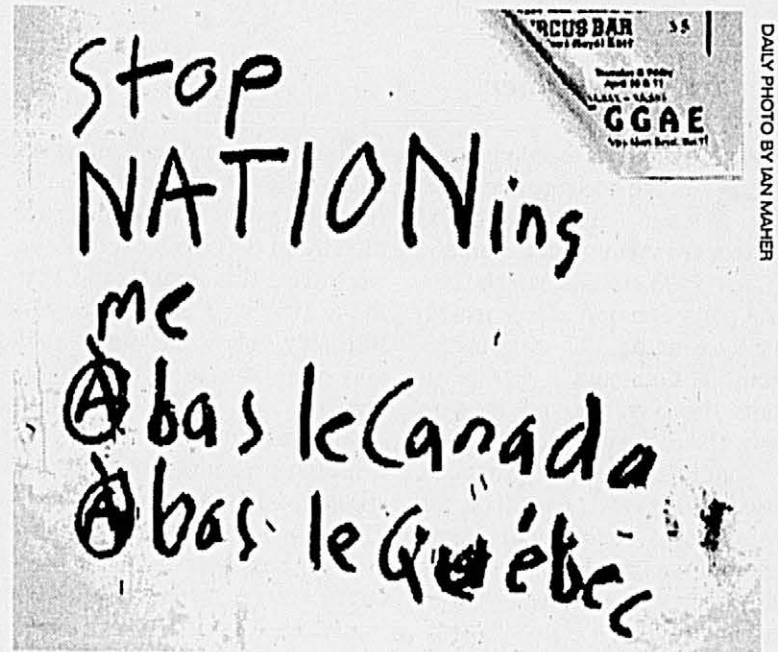
20.3 per cent participation is a glaring symptom of severe

dysfunctionalism. Would you accept treatment from a doctor with a 20.3 per cent success rate? How about invest in a company that made money 20.3 per cent of the time? Simply because it is the status quo does not mean that it is a system that works to include the community, or even works for that matter.

Representational democracy was a proud step in the course of human history, but I think that it might be time to begin pushing our society to develop new ways of interacting.

We have come to expect a top down approach that ensures that we are led instead of being asked to lead and then lambastes us for being apathetic for not ratifying our politicians more soundly. We are led because we have been convinced that some people know more about what is important to us than we do. We now wait for top down initiatives to solve our problems instead of turning to our neighbours and developing a sense of community solidarity. In North America we do not have government actively working against personal initiatives, most of the time, but instead we have come to tacitly accept their ambition as the way our nation has to be run.

One of Newell's principal platform issues, for example, was to create wider access to the McGill daycare facilities and I strongly agree with this initiative. In my opinion and given the push to keep university accessible, it seems that opening the school to more young or single parents should become a priority for all of us. My question is, however, why do we need Newell



Deconstruct our identity

to expand daycare for us? Are we not a university with a faculty that trains people to care for and teach children? Why can't we draw from our own community?

There will be no student run daycare co-op because the university, the body that legitimizes who is an important societal contributor and who is not, has decided that there is no educational value in volunteering or learning how to work in a cooperative fashion. Most of us take five classes a semester, nearly all of which trains you to work as an individual, as an entity separate from your neighbour, making us competitors.

SSMU elections were really only a practice trial to get you ready for the rapidly approaching real world. Voting familiarizes you with the direction of command and inculcates you against any hot flashes that might come from a desire to change your world. Day in and day out governments conspire about how to help poor countries 'develop', but how can they

do that before they learn to talk to their own citizens?

The world does not operate in isolated spheres that occasionally bump into one another. How we act and react to one another greatly affects the way our nation acts and reacts to others.

Representational democracy at the level of student government is emblematic of how political elite are able to silence dialogue on a larger scale.

On a broader level, it shows how the university has successfully marginalized students by recognizing SSMU as the only legitimate student voice. SSMU has an inconsequential budget, and nearly zero say in our education. It is a small, ineffective democratic space which the university has given us. This is tokenism. We are placated into silence to the extent that we don't demand a greater say in what our curriculum will be and who are teachers are.

It is not a coincidence that our voice is not heard in SSMU.

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Community Policing

► between police and a Walksafe team at the Second Cup led to an offer by police to help bring Walksafe volunteers closer to campus after distant walks. Walksafe executive member Fawad Ahmad said the police co-operation is encouraging and he hopes the increased police presence in the ghetto makes students feel safer.

"Personally, I've noticed a huge police presence," said Walksafe dispatcher Tim Manning, a medicine student who has been living in the ghetto for eight years. "I've never seen so many so many cops in the ghetto."

de Sousa said after the first month, building relationships with community groups is in its early stages as cops get a feel for their new beats. For community policing to work communication has to go both ways, she said, so it's important that the public come to the police with their concerns.

"We want them to call and say 'People are always going in and out of apartment 301. I think they're selling drugs. Or, I think there's a domestic dispute down the hall'," she said. "We'll keep them anonymous - I can patrol the streets but I can't patrol the hallways."

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brief Frat boy coup ?

There are murmurs of discontent over the recent elections for clubs representatives to the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU.)

Adam Giambrone, a current clubs representative, feels the election process was unfair and undemocratic.

"The problem is that nobody knew about it," he says.

All three current clubs reps had no idea the election was to take place, and did not have a chance to inform the clubs they purport to represent.

Giambrone points out that, unlike last year, flyers were not distributed to the clubs through their mailboxes and that the elections were generally under-publicized.

"People should be able to attend these meetings and decide who to vote for," he adds.

The elections were won by three fraternity members, all of whom ran uncontested. This contrasts to last year's more publicized elections where 14 people ran for the three positions.

Giambrone also adds that the meeting, where only 23 voting members appeared, were not as well attended as last year when over 40 people voted.

Hannah Rogers administrator for LBGTSM feels that because of the low publicity accompanying the election, democracy has been compromised.

"One small, unilingual ad in the Tribune is not enough," she says. "I feel frustrated and angry."

Chris Muldoon, the Chief Returning Officer of the election feels that these concerns have no basis, and all election procedures were followed.

"The charges are unfounded," he says.

Muldoon says that although it is sometimes done, the CRO is not required to publish election notices in both English and French.

"For some things, we are required to publish ads in both the Tribune and the French Daily, but not in this case," he says.

Muldoon also adds that it is irrelevant and unfair to those elected were all fraternity members.

— Mark Ratner

Democracy under question

Would proportional representation better reflect the will of Canadians?

by Mark Ratner

As a federal election looms on the horizon, many critics of Canada's electoral system are saying that it's unfair.

The 1993 election saw the Liberal party forming a large majority by winning 177 seats in the House of Commons — 59% of all seats. However, they did this with only 41% of the total popular vote.

For Chris Billows, director of an organization called Canadians for Proportional Representation, the cause of the Liberal government's disproportionate power lies in the nature of the country's electoral system.

"The current system skews the popular will of the people," Billows says of Canada's electoral system, known as the first-past-the-post system. He argues that the effect of this system is that the Liberal Party has no real opposition in parliament.

What Billows suggests is that Canada should move towards adopting a system that is already in use all around the world — that of proportional representation.

"It's the world's most popular way of electing governments," he says. "They have it in Europe, Asia and Africa."

Under a proportional representation system, seats awarded in the House of Commons would be based directly on the popular vote of the electorate. This would mean that in the 1993 election, the Liberals, with only 41% of the vote, would only be entitled to 41% of federal seats.

Billows points out that proportional representation benefits smaller parties. Because it is more difficult to form a majority government in a proportional representation system, parties would be forced to form coalitions with smaller parties, thereby giving a voice to parties not normally heard in the political discourse.

For example, in European countries with a proportional representation regime, the Green Party is well represented.

In Canada, Billows argues that the effect would be similar. "A Party like the Greens is one that would benefit [from proportional representation]," he says.

Pierre Ducasse, a potential candidate in Québec for the New Democratic Party in the upcoming election, agrees.

"It is a more democratic point of view," he says. "Proportional

representation better reflects the will of the people."

Ducasse also maintains that proportional representation will lead to a greater diversity of ideas because more parties would be represented in the House of Commons.

It would cause a pluralist party system," he says. "The political game would be much more interesting with five to seven parties in Parliament — people would have more choice."

However, Ducasse is wary of implementing what he calls a 'perfect' proportional representation system — one where the composition of parliament is composed solely on the basis of the popular vote. He cites the case of Italy in the 1950's and 1960's, when the government was legislatively ineffective due to the large number of parties that were represented.

"In Italy, there were 15 to 17 major parties," he says pointing out that this led to "the government calling something like 13 elections in 15 years."

Rather than the 'perfect' proportional representation of Italy, Ducasse proposes a threshold re-

striction, meaning that a party would require more than 5 percent of the total vote before they could gain representation.

"This is a [more mild version] of proportional representation," he says of the notion of a threshold law. "But it would make the debate much more healthy."

One criticism that has been lev-

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ied against proportional representation systems is that once the number of seats to go to each party has been determined, the selection process by which members within a given party are chosen is inherently unfair. The party lists that are drawn up prior to the election rank candidates according to preference in awarding seats. Usually, those that are given priority by the party lists are people who have seniority in the party, rather than younger members with newer ideas.

Ducasse agrees that this may

pose a problem.

"Obviously, that is one proven affect," he says. "But there would be a dialogue among the party elites."

But for Chris Billows, the party lists can be a good thing, especially for women and minorities.

"Most parties with proportional representation mandate that the party list have one female for every male," he says.

Anna Dicarolo, who will run as a candidate in the upcoming election for the Communist Party of Canada says the debate of proportional representation does not address the major problems of the Canadian democratic system.

"The way the question [of proportional representation] has been raised has created a diversion," she says.

While Dicarolo agrees that proportional representation is an improvement over the current system, she feels that political parties need to change the way people are elected in order to better enfranchise Canadians.

Dicarolo says that "proportional representation is not the cause of the problem, but a symptom of a larger one."

JUST VOTING FOR THEIR FRIENDS?

LOW VOTER TURNOUT ENDEMIC TO MCGILL

by Stefani Balinsky

The vote last week to elect new undergraduate Students' Society executives pitted a fraction of the eligible voters against a majority who might believe representative government is an outdated notion.

"I voted my first year at McGill; coming right out of CEGEP, I was gung-ho not to let the bureaucracy win," says U2 Arts student Stefanie von Beaczy. This year she decided not to vote.

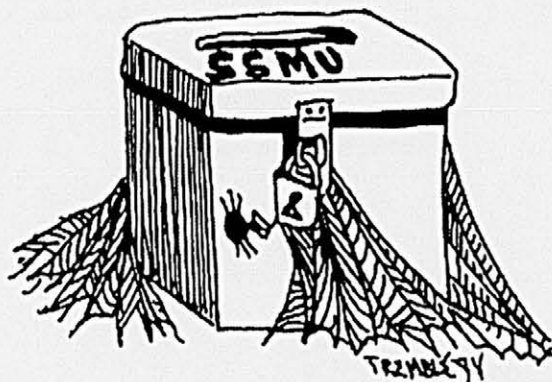
"I just do not think that [the executives] have the best interests of the whole population at heart."

Von Beaczy is not alone. The elections, which allow the students to choose the people who will be responsible for the Students' Society (SSMU), and represent undergraduates to McGill and the rest of the province, did not draw a lot of student attention. As in previous elections, only 3397 voters — around 21 per cent of those eligible to vote — cast their ballots.

"It is above the national av-

erage," claims President-Elect Tara Newell. "Do not compare the figures just at McGill, but at the national average — it gives you a better perspective."

Newell says that the election process is an imperfect system, but cannot understand those



who criticize it without giving an alternate way to choose leadership. Reflecting on this year's campaign, she notes that it can be anything that brings the voters out, be it the issue or the candidate.

"You never know what will stimulate the population."

REPRESENTATION? WHAT REPRESENTATION?

"I just voted because I wanted to see my friends win," says a McGill student who wanted to remain nameless. "First I thought about voting for just any candidate because I will not be here next year, but then I remembered my friends will still be here."

Indeed, current VP Internal Mark Feldman says that it is "impossible" to reach all 16,000 eligible voters. Candidates can rely on targeted groups, and friends to let people know about the vote. He feels that 60 to 80 per cent voter turnout is not necessary, "as long as the job gets done and there is accountability."

But some wonder if a 20 per cent turnout really represents the desires of the student body. In light of the \$15,000 salaries

the executives get, von Beaczy questions whether it is "worth paying the executives when 80 per cent [of the students] do not care."

"I do not think the students at McGill are apathetic. Look at how many people are active in clubs or athletics," cites Newell. She feels that the students may not have known enough about the candidates to vote, but they had the opportunity. There were eight candidate debates, often with only "30 or 40 students showing up to listen," she says.

A LARGER PROBLEM

Newell feels that there would be higher student turnout if the Student's Society was more involved in everyday student life. "McGill is not so in-your-face. With the building [the Student's Center] being separated from campus, many students may not know what it is we do."

Von Beaczy believes that the low voter turnout is a sign of a larger problem with SSMU or its election process. She feels that

students' opinions are not represented by the elected council.

"...[G]oing from student representatives to the SSMU, along the way, the students' opinions gets distorted," says von Beaczy.

Both Newell and Feldman believe that those who are interested in the issues do indeed vote. The current electoral process is not futile, according to Feldman. "You need people to organize things or else we would not have anything," he says, referring to the clubs and services largely financed by students' money.

But von Beaczy feels that with only a handful of students running, all voices were not represented during the election.

Meanwhile, von Beaczy was uncomfortable voting because she did not know any candidate that well, and refused to rely on word-of-mouth influence from friends.

Von Beaczy admits she may not have personally done enough to find out about the candidates but muses, "the election was just the changing of the guard."

Chips in jeopardy

CONCORDIA COMPUTER CO-OP DECLARES BANKRUPTCY

by Stella Tzintzis

When the computer co-op at Concordia shut down after claiming bankruptcy last Friday, Scott McMahon felt acute regret creeping up his spine.

McMahon, a 22-year-old Political Science student explained that when he ordered his computer from the co-op three weeks ago, the store employee told him he could take a new 400 colour-printer home with him right away, even though his computer would only be ready a few weeks later.

If he had known what was in store for Concordia's co-op, and his \$3,000, McMahon would have acted differently.

"I would have taken my printer with me that day," he said wistfully. "But I was taking the metro that day and I didn't want to get mugged or something, so I didn't bring it with me."

As the situation now stands, McMahon is empty handed and owes the bank \$3,000, plus interest.

"That's going to be the worst debt ever," said McMahon. "Knowing I'm working to pay off something I don't have; it's going to be depressing."

McMahon isn't alone. About 55 other Concordia students are owed between \$2,500 and \$3,000 and the co-op owes another 400 people smaller amounts for not receiving software, printers or other equipment.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "[The co-op] knew they were going under, but they kept taking orders and student's money."

"It makes me sick," he added.

While McMahon is banging his head against the wall for not snatching his printer while he had

the chance, others who actually picked up equipment from the co-op are no better off.

printer is collecting dust at his home.

Unlike McMahon, Mackay took his printer home with him the same day he signed over the check for \$3,000 to the co-op.

"It's a really nice printer, but I can't use it," said Mackay, cursing the day he gave his money to the co-op. "I wish I hadn't signed that check over until I got the goods in my

hands," he added.

According to Herb Davis, the

bankruptcy trustee currently handling the co-op problem, the chances of students being reimbursed are slim.

"The only action they can take is to call upon the Quebec government to write off the loans," he stated in a *Gazette* article yesterday. In other words, McMahon argues that the government could painlessly write off the approximate \$100,000 owed to students by the co-op, and hopes the government will do exactly that.

"The only thing that can be done is that Quebec absolves the loans," contends McMahon "Or else I'm going to graduate and have nothing, plus interest payments every four months. [The interest] is only \$15, but it adds insult to injury."



Political Science major Dan Mackay's Epson 400 colour-

STUDENTS OCCUPY ONTARIO

Principals' and presidents' offices have been a little crowded lately. After a 20 per cent increase in tuition fees this year, the Harris government has given all Ontario universities permission to increase tuition by an additional 10 per cent next year.

The February 5 announcement has galvanized the student movement across Ontario.

Students at seven Ontario schools have occupied their administrative offices, demanding that their universities avoid implementing the discretionary increases.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Despite an operating budget surplus of \$24-million, their university's plans to implement the 10 per cent tuition fee prompted students to occupy U of T President Robert Prichard's office on February 10.

YORK UNIVERSITY

A six day occupation ended when Metro Toronto Police and York Security forced 30 students to vacate the university's administration building on February 16. York's BoG has since voted to implement the 10 per cent tuition increase.

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

Armed with the signatures of over 2500 students, 16 students occupied the offices of Guelph University President Mordecai Rozanski, on February 13. The students demanded that Rozanski denounce the 10 per cent tuition fee increase.

CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Carleton President Richard van

Loon supported students who had occupied his office. After a February 19 occupation, Van Loon denounced the Ontario government's record-low contribution to post-secondary education. The University, however, still plans to implement the 10 per cent tuition fee increase.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Even with an endowment of \$150-million, Queen's University's Board of Trustees has voted to implement the 10 per cent tuition increase. This despite a 40 hour occupation of Principal Bill Leggett's office during the preceding week, and a rally of 1,000 students — the largest demonstration in Queen's history.

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

Beginning March 5, students occupied the second floor of McMaster's Gilmour Hall administration building, protesting against the University's plans to increase tuition fees. The occupation lasted for six days. Although no action has been taken by the University, the president plans to spread the 10 per cent tuition increase according to students' 'earning potential' e.g. he plans to increase Engineering fees by up to 15 per cent while holding fees for Humanities students frozen.

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY

Demanding a freeze on tuition and more decision-making power on their BoG, students at Laurentian occupied the University's administrative offices on March 12.

— Zachary Schwartz, with files from Surface at Queen's University.

... AND AT OTHER BOGS

While chants of "shame, shame" rose from a crowd of students in the gallery, York University's Board of Governors voted on March 3 to increase tuition fees by 10 per cent next year.

"We have gone through your channels", said student Wayne Poirer in reaction to the BoG's decision, "now it is time to take matters into our own hands."

After occupying the admin-

istration building for six days, students at York University are demanding that their University freeze tuition fees, and "take on the Harris government and all agencies which stand in the way of quality, accessible education."

According to the students of the York Occupation Collective, the administration's only response has been to threaten student activists with expulsion.

Similarly, despite an overnight occupation of the principal's office and a demonstration by 1,000 students, Queen's University's Board of Trustees has also voted to increase tuition by 10 per cent.

Ian Michael, Rector of Queen's University, has been criticized for voting in favour of increasing tuition against the will of the students that elected him.

Incident report

The following is a description of an incident reported to the Sexual Assault Centre of the McGill Students' Society (SACOMSS). The *Daily* publishes incident reports in co-operation with SACOMSS in the interest of raising awareness of campus safety issues.

Time: March 19, 1997, 5h30

Location: Outside The Second Cup on St. Laurent (between Pine and Prince Arthur)

Description of assailant: White male, 5'7", 145 lbs. Bilingual, possibly with a French accent; shoulder-length, straight, light brown hair; green and blue army jacket; blemished complexion.

Description of incident: A man (thought to be a regular at the Second Cup) approached two women at the Second Cup and watched them, listening to their conversation. He then followed one of the women home.

As the woman went to open the door of her apartment the man approached her. She confronted him and he told her he was doing a project on "lewd advertising" and asked to enter her apartment to see what flyers she had. The woman got into her apartment and locked the man out. He then started banging on her door and ringing the door bell. When the landlady responded he told her he "just wanted to make friends" and left.

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• The McGill Anti-Smoking Society presents "Seeing through the smoke: effective lobbying for tougher anti-tobacco laws—how can McGill contribute?", a talk with Heidi Rathjen, Campaign Director of the Quebec Coalition for Tobacco Control. 16h, Shatner, 310

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

• The McGill Association of Filipino Students presents "Kababaihan: Filipina Portraits", a video documentary portraying the effects of imperialism on the Filipino people and women's resistance against it. 16h, 550 Sherbrooke, Rm. 1180.

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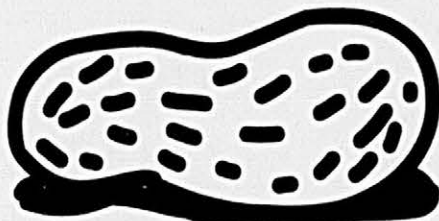
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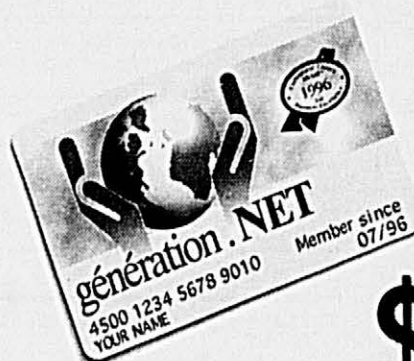
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